

MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

FROM: John Pandiani
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RE: Movement from Children's into Adult Services

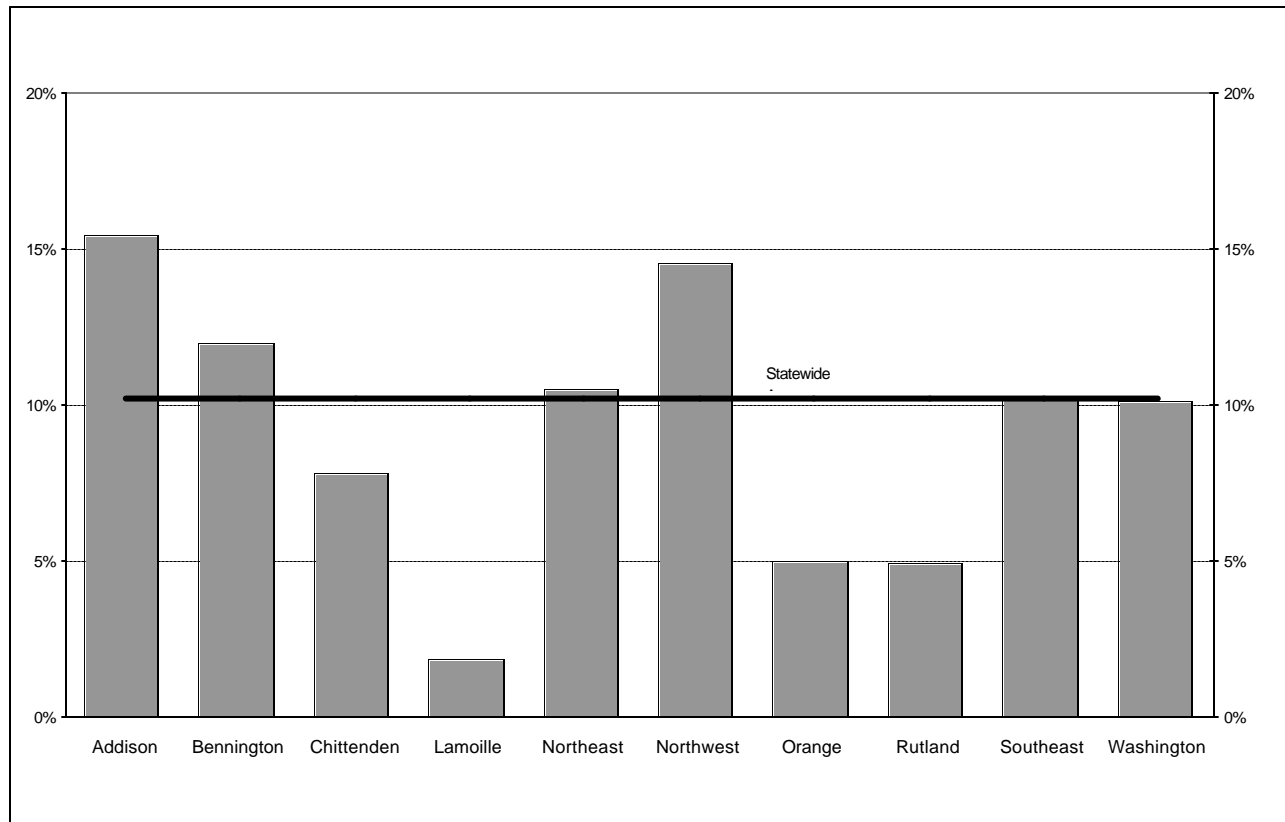
The attached graph and table provide information on the number of young people served by children's services programs who were later served by adult mental health programs.

As you will see, only 10% of the young people (age 15-17) who were served during 1992 by children's services programs in Vermont had received services from an adult mental health program at the same CMHC during 1998. There was substantial variation across providers. About 15% of the young people at CSAC and Northwest were in adult services at follow-up, compared to only 2% at Lamoille.

This indicator had originally been thought of as a measure of treatment outcome. At the last Advisory Group meeting, however, it was moved to the list of measures of practice patterns. After you have looked over and thought about this indicator, we would like to hear if you associate this information with treatment outcomes, practice patterns, both, neither, or something else. Please call (802-241-2638) or e-mail to jpandiani@ddmhs.state.vt.us.

I have also enclosed a copy of a critique of one of our earlier reports and my response. We will also appreciate your thoughts on the issues raised here. If your comments come to me in writing, it is much easier for me to share them with others. (I will not distribute your comments without prior approval from you.)

CLIENTS AGED 15 - 17 SERVED BY CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN FY1992 RECEIVING ADULT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN FY1998



Region/Provider	15 - 17 Year Olds Served During 1992	Also Served by Adult Programs During 1998	
	#	#	%
Addison - CSAC	97	15	15%
Bennington - UCS	75	9	12%
Chittenden - HCHS	64	5	8%
Lamoille - LCMHS	53	1	2%
Northeast - NEK	114	12	11%
Northwest - NCSS	110	16	15%
Orange - CMC	60	3	5%
Rutland - RACS	61	3	5%
Southeast - HCRSSV	196	20	10%
Washington - WCMHS	79	8	10%
Total	909	92	10%

Adult Mental Health Services include: Community Rehabilitation and Treatment, Adult Outpatient, Substance Abuse, and Emergency Services provided by Vermont's community mental health centers.